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SUBJ: OECD COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND
MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES: SEPTEMBER 21-22 MEETING OF
INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP

REF: OECD PARIS 25904

1. FOR OECD PARIS: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS MISSION RAISE
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FOLLOWING POINTS WITH SECRETARIAT REGARDING SECRETARIAT
LETTER CONTAINING AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING.

2. FIRST, PER PARA 4 REFTTEL, THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT IT
IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE CONTACT GROUP CHAIRMAN TO INVITE
A NON-GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING ORGANIZED
TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY IN

THE U.N. NOT ONLY ARE OECD RULES QUITE CLEAR ON THIS POINT, BUT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ALLOW A FRANK EXCHANGE OF IDEAS THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITH SUCH OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION.

3. SECOND, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIMETABLE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS CONTAINED IN PARA 5 REFTEL IS TOO EXTENSIVE GIVEN THE PURPOSE OF THIS GROUP. AN ADDITIONAL CONTACT GROUP MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING DECEMBER CIME

MEETING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE U.N. INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS FEBRUARY 6-17. HOWEVER, A MEETING IN NOVEMBER IS NEITHER ESSENTIAL NOR DESIRABLE.

4. IF NECESSARY, U.S. DELEGATION TO THE CONTACT GROUP MEETING WILL RAISE THESE ISSUES WITH CONTACT GROUP CHAIRMAN SANDERS, BUT WOULD PREFER THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED ON THESE POINTS PRIOR TO CONTACT GROUP SESSION.

5. FOR THE HAGUE: REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INDICATE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT PROFESSOR SANDERS' DECISION TO INVITE A PRIVATE PERSON TO THE CONTACT GROUP MEETING DRAWING ON PARA 2 ABOVE. IF APPROPRIATE YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE TO SANDERS DIRECTLY THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WHICH HE CHAIRS WILL BE DISCUSSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENSITIVE ISSUES OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS AND THAT PRESENCE OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD INHIBIT THE FREE EXCHANGE AMONG DELEGATIONS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR MEETING TO BE EFFECTIVE.

6. FOR BONN AND LONDON: REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS THESE TWO ISSUES WITH CIME CHAIRMAN ABRAMOWSKI AND ANNE MUELLER UNDER SECRETARY DOI. INFORM THEM OF OUR ACTION NOTED PARAS 2-5. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE FRG AND UK TO EXPRESS TO SANDERS SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WORK OF THIS CONTACT GROUP AND OF TOO EXTENSIVE SCHEDULE OF CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS. WE WOULD IN ANY CASE APPRECIATE FRG AND UK VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS. VANCE

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